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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 March 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resumed fifty-third session
(First part)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 47th meeting Conference Room 3

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Procurement reform (A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/C.5/52/46, A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/53/692 and A/53/843)

Conclusion of general discussion

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Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 1999/45 (PART II)).

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform (A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/C.5/52/46, A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/53/692 and A/53/843))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development account and utilization of the development dividend (A/52/1009, A/53/7/Add.1, A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.4, A/C.5/53/30, A/53/664 and A/C.5/53/40))

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* Following the adjournment of the 47th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 March 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 8 March 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resumed fifty-third session
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Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 46th meeting

The Chairman, H.E. Dr. Movses Abelian (Armenia), declared open the first part of the Committee's resumed fifty-third session.

Status of documentation (A/C.5/53/L.37)

The Secretary of the Committee orally updated the document on the status of documentation (A/C.5/53/L.37).

Organization of work (A/C.5/53/L.38)

Statements on the proposed programme of work prepared by the Secretariat (A/C.5/53/L.38) were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Cuba and Uganda.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to follow the programme of work as contained in document A/C.5/53/L.38 for the first three days of the session, namely from 8 to 10 March, on the understanding that the Bureau would review the programme of work taking into account the statements made and concerns expressed, and would submit a revised programme for the Committee's approval at its next meeting.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Procurement reform

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that Office (A/52/887 and A/53/843).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services responded to questions posed and provided supplementary information to the reports introduced at the Committee's 37th and 38th meetings held on 30 November and 1 December 1998.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the RIO Group) and India.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services responded to questions posed.

Other matters

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement on the maintenance of the building and on security related matters. The representative of Cuba also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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